# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) the objectives and salient features of the Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS);

(b) the number of beneficiaries of the scheme, State-wise;
(c) whether the scheme has been effective in increasing milk production and alleviating poverty in the rural areas of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount sanctioned by the Government for DEDS during last three years and the current year, State-wise?

## Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)
(a) The objectives and salient features of the Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) is as under:
i) To generate self-employment and provide infrastructure for dairy sector;
ii) To set up modern dairy farms and infrastructure for production of clean milk;
iii) To encourage heifer calf rearing for conservation and development of good breeding stock;
iv) To bring structural changes in the unorganized sector, so that initial processing of milk can be taken up at the village level;
v) To upgrade traditional technology to handle milk on a commercial scale, and
vi) To provide value addition to milk through processing and production of milk products.
The scheme covers activities such as enhancement of milk production, procurement, preservation, transportation, processing and marketing of milk and provides for back ended capital subsidy @ 25% of the project cost to the General Category (@ 33.33% of the project cost to SC/ST category) farmers/beneficiaries for bankable projects through NABARD subject to norms of the scheme.
(b) The number of dairy units established/ beneficiaries assisted under DEDS is given at Annexure.
(c) and (d) Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries has conducted evaluation and impact study of DEDS through National Productivity Council (NPC), New Delhi during 2014. NPC in its Evaluation and Impact Study report has stated, amongst others, that
i. There has been increase of around 123 percent in overall average milk production per beneficiary entrepreneur.
ii. More than 2.0 lakh persons have got additional employment.

(e) The funds are not sanctioned / released to State directly under DEDS. The fund released by the Department to NABARD under DEDS during last three years and the current year are as under:
( Rs in Crore)

| Year | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 |
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| Fund Released | 284.30 | 154.59 | 117.00 | 240.00 |

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